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BROCK CALLS CARTER INTELLIGENCE REORGANIZATION TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE; PROPOSES RESTRUCTURING OF INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

Republican National Committee Chairman, Bill Brock and Richard Allen, Chairman of the Intelligence Subcommittee of the RNC Advisory Council on National Security and International Affairs, today rejected President Carter's intelligence reorganization proposal as "totally inadequate and unacceptable" and called for a restructuring of our intelligence community.

In a paper released by the Subcommittee, Brock said, "The problem-and the challenge-is to breathe new life, a new morale and spirit, a new sense of dedication into a professional community which has been traumatized and immobilized in recent years. The cumulative impact of these past few years has been harmful miscalculations, massive intelligence failures and setbacks in our foreign policy."

Citing past attacks on our intelligence community as indisputably leading to a weakening of our intelligence capabilities, Brock called for "a comprehensive, searching and extensive set of Congressional hearings to elicit the best available information on our intelligence requirements to be conducted under a Joint Committee on Intelligence, to be created by Congress." Brock also called for:

-measures to insulate the intelligence community from political influence and bias.

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-presidential appointment of a chief advisor for intelligence matters who would serve as a liaison between the White House and the intelligence community, but who would not serve as head of an intelligence agency.

-reestablishment of the Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, abolished by the Carter Administration and assuring its independence to provide analysis free of any institutional, organizational or policy bias.

-strengthening of counterintelligence capabilities

-revising Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act to prevent abuses and waste of intelligence resources.

Brock rejected President Carter's "National Intelligence Re-Organization and Reform Act of 1978," (S.2525) for unduly politicizing and bureaucratizing the intelligence community.

"Our need for a vigorous and productive intelligence community has never been greater," Brock said, "We can ill afford an intelligence system suffering systemic weakness or inadequacy... Principled leadership in the intelligence field--indeed in the entire field of foreign and national security policy--is an ingredient now missing; and the resultant confusion and chaos in policymaking and execution underscores this crucial element."

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